

contention of the Government that the trust period began at the date of the issuance of patent and expired twenty-five years thereafter, while the Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the District Court by a divided court, and remanded the cause with direction to dismiss the bill of complaint, holding that the trust period began with the date of the approval of the allotment by the Secretary of the Interior and expired twenty-five years thereafter.

The case is of importance to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice in the administration and enforcement of the restrictions on alienation in the trust patents issued under the act of February 8, 1887. The petition for writ of certiorari, page 4, avers that approximately 4,800 allotments to members of thirteen tribes are affected by the decision of this case, and the decision of this court determines the disposition of other similar suits now pending.

Opposing counsel concur.

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